

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3890 - HB 3843

March 6, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes psychologists to provide impairment ratings in workers' compensation cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

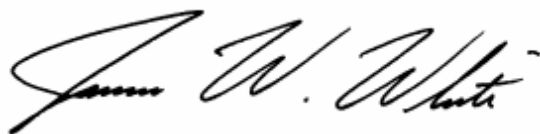
Other Fiscal Impact – Expansion of the field of professionals authorized to provide impairment ratings is assumed to result in an increase in state expenditures. Due to the individualized nature of claims and the variability in awards for such claims, and the absence of measurable standards to apply in assigning ratings, the magnitude of such increase cannot reasonably be quantified.

Assumption:

- Under current law impairment ratings are governed by the *American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*. These guidelines would not govern ratings issued by psychologists.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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